REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is being submitted to remove unnecessary claim limitations from the independent claims. Because the amendment broadens the scopes of the independent claims, a Request for Continued Examination is also filed concurrently herewith.

The present amendment does not present new matter. As supported by the specification in page 33, line 21, traction motors can include AC or DC traction motors. Furthermore, DC traction motors represent only one embodiment of the invention. Applicants have expressed no intent in the file history or otherwise to limit the claimed invention to only this embodiment.

The claim amendments require no additional search or examination, and the claims as amended are patentable for reasons set forth in the file history.

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